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SIR:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 7, 2009, please reconsider the rejections of record in view of the following amendments, declaration, and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.